(viii) G.S.R. No. 993(E) dated the 17th December, 1987, approving the Bombay Port Trust Employees' (Conduct) Amendment Regulations, 1987. '

(ix) G.S.R. No. 994(E), dated the 17th December, 1987. approving the Kandia Port Employees' (Conduct) Amendment Regulations, 1987.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-5502/88 for (i) to (ix)]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Tronsport Wing) Notification G.S.R. No. 897, dated the 2Sth November, 1987, publishing th/e Surface Transport (Transport Wing) Electronic Data Procesing Assistant Recruitment Rules, 1987 [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-5501/88]

Report (1985-86 of the Banaras Hindu University and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers: —

(i) Annual Report of the Banaras Hindu University for the year 1985-86.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the University.

(iii) Statement giving geasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (i) above. [Plaoed in Library. *See* No. LT-5514/88 for (i) to (iii)]

Report and Accounts (1986-87) of the Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers: _____

(i) Annual Report of the Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi, for the year 1986-87.

(ii) Annual Accounts of the Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi, for the year 1986-87 and the Audit Report thereon.

(iii) Review by Government on the working of the Council.

(iv) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) and (ii). above. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5516/38 for (i) to (iv)]

Report and Accounts (1986-87) of the Indian Railway Construction Company Limited, New Delhi and related papers

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री महावीर प्रसाद) : महोदया, मैं कम्पनी अधिनियम, 1956 की धारा 619क की उपधारा (1) के अधीन निम्नलिखित पत्रों की एक-एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में सभा पटल पर रखता हूं :—

(i) 1986–87 के वर्ष के लिए इंडियन रेलवे कंट्रक्शन कम्पनी लिमिटेड, नई दिल्ली का ग्यारहवां वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन और लेखे, लेखाओं पर लेखापरीक्षकों के प्रतिवेदनों और उस पर भारत के नियंत्रक-महालेखापरीक्षक की टिप्पणियां सहित।

(ii) कम्पनी के कार्यकरण की सरकार द्वारा समीक्षा ।

[पुस्तकालय में रखी गई । (i) और (ii) के लिए देखिए सं० एल०टी०—5518/88]

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM (Tamil Nadu): Madam, Deputy Chairman, I would like to draw the attention of the House and ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, you are not permitted.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM; I have already given a letter.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN; That is under consideration. But you have not been permitted.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: In two minutes I will say.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, you have not been permitted. ... *{Interruptions)* ... If you are not permitted, how can you speak? There is no rule that a Member, if not permitted, can speak for two minutes.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: I have already given the letter. It is very important.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is under consideration... *(Interruptions-)* ... It will not go on record.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM:

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have sought permission for raising it. ... *(Interruptions)...* That is under consideration. Unless and until permission is granted, I can't allow you. Please cooperate with me.

SPECIAL MENTIONS Hike in prices of yarn in the country

SHRI T. R. BALU (Tamil Nodu): Madam, Deputy Chairman, with great anguish and distress I wish to draw the attention of this august House to the sad plight of 35 lakh handloom weavers in Tamil Nadu who are suffering from unemployment for the past *six* months. The reason is the unprecedented price hike of yarn.

The price of cotton yarn has doubled whereas the price of pure silk yarn has trebled. Further, yam is not available in the open market due to heavy export of yarn from our country to foreign countries. At a time when our local handlom weavers are suffering and struggling for want of raw materials, this Government has recklessly increased its exports to six crore kilograms this year as against four crore kilograms last year. This fact has already been intimated to the Prime Minister of India in my telegraphic message requesting him to stop the export immediately in order to avoid the price hike here and safeguard the interests of the poor hand-loom weavers, but he did not have the courtesy to reply to my telegram. Further, in the General Council meeting of the DMK Party held recently at Madras under the Presidentship of our beloved leader, Kalaignar Dr. M. Karunanidhi, a resolution was unanimously adopted, requesting and cautioning the Government not to ignore the feelings of lakhs and lakhs of handloom weavers, but our fervent appeals have not reached the deaf ears of the Government which appears to be in a deep slumber.

Madam, during 1985-86, before the implementation of the new textile policy, the number of unemployed handloom weavers in India was 70,000 only. But after the implementation of the textile policy, the number of unemployed handloom weaviers in this country has gone up to 1,2,7,00,000. There are. 1,590 handloom societies in Tamil Nadu. Out of these, 1,300 societies have already been closed, 5,60,000 handlooms are lying idle in Tamil Nadu, and 35 lakhs of hand-loom weavers are jobless. Their family members, their children have become orphans They are starving for their daily bread, and they are all in the streets. So, I request the Prime Minister and the concerned Ministry to look into this state of affairs immediately.

During 1987 itself the price of yarn has increased suddenly by 55 per cent. Even the Indian National Trade Union Congress which belongs to the

**Not recorded.